

## CRISIS IN VILLA CAMPAIGN NEAR

**Must Secure Railroad or Withdraw, Gen. Funston's Headquarters Believe.**

San Antonio, Tex., April 11.—The opinion of the officers at the army headquarters that the next few days will bring important developments in the expedition against Villa was strengthened today.

With sentiment apparently growing stronger among followers of Carranza for the United States government to withdraw American troops and relinquish pursuit of the outlaw forces to the de facto government, officials believe that the issue will be forced in the near future.

Unless Mexican railroads are made available for the transportation of supplies to Gen. Pershing's command, it is frankly admitted in military circles that chances are against the success of the campaign.

**24th Companies Start Soon.** It was stated today that the two companies of the 24th infantry at Del Rio would start for Columbus within a day or two for duty along the line of communication. The remainder of the regiment entered Mexico several days ago.

A dispatch from General Leitcher at Chihuahua brought word to Gen. Funston that the people of Torreon are starving. Headquarters were unadvised of the location of the advanced columns of American troops.

**Names of Wounded Troopers.** A report received at Gen. Funston's headquarters today from Gen. Pershing gave the names of the soldiers wounded in the fight at Guadalupe, March 29, as follows: "Private T. C. Brown, carrier V. P. Manderville, private Joe Garbell, private J. G. Bennett and private Walter S. Gardner. All are members of troop C, Seventh cavalry."

## P. HERNANDEZ IS NOT A GENERAL

**Interventionists - Sensationalists' Creation Fails to Come to Juarez.**

Gen. Petronilo Hernandez, who the interventionists-sensationalists reported would succeed Gen. Gabriel Gaviira at Juarez, has turned out to be a myth. He does not exist save in the imagination. He does not command any great army save in fancy. He is no general at all. When Gen. Gabriel Gaviira learned that the newspaper men had recalled him and supplanted him with Gen. Petronilo Hernandez, he began to inquire as to who Hernandez might be. "Where is Hernandez?" Gaviira inquired over the wire but there was no reply. None of the other Constitutionalists officers knew anything about the general. They followed a closer investigation. Gen. Gaviira was interested. Generals are always interested in their successors. His efforts were rewarded by finding that Gen. Petronilo Hernandez was at one time a Villa general and that he had been mustered out when the Villa army of the north was broken. Hernandez took the oath of renunciation and retired to private life. He is now somewhere in Mexico, but not at the head of 1500 men at Lazaro, waiting for a train to bring him to relieve Gen. Gaviira in Juarez.

## PIZANA, TEXAS RAIDER, IS TAKEN TO QUERETARO

Brownsville, Tex., April 11.—Aniceto Pizana, alleged leader of Mexican bandits, who made raids on the Texas side of the border in this vicinity last summer, has been taken from Matamoros to Queretaro, according to an announcement in Matamoros.

Pizana was arrested by Carranza authorities several months ago and since had been in jail at Matamoros. He was removed to Queretaro, it is understood, on instructions of Gen. Carranza.

## Formality and Cordiality Mingle At the Cuartel General In Juarez

Small, Drab-Colored Soldiers, Reminiscent Wall Paper and an Uncertain Davenport Point the Way to Gen. Gaviira.

By JOHN H. REGAN.

THE street cars bearing the legend "Mexico," at certain periods during the night, deposit inquisitive and aggressive Americans before a gray building with a green roof in Juarez. The building is called the "cuartel general," and as the two words suggest, it means that Gen. Gabriel Gaviira may or may not be inside. The inquisitive and aggressive individuals are, with but two exceptions, newspaper reporters. The exceptions are commission men who are soliciting business, and representatives of the Mexican consular office in El Paso. There may be a slump in the value of the commission men and the consular attaches, but the slump in the arrival of the reporters is more pronounced. Several days later the embargo is lifted, and the flood of news catchers keeps pace.

**Some Formalities.** There are some formalities about entering the cuartel. The chief is a number of small drab soldiers, frequently short in stature, and always weighted down, like fish net, with lead. The lead is in the form of rifle bullets. Now that the flowers are in bloom in Juarez, the little drab soldiers frequently have gay blossoms pinned in the hat cord. They stand very erect at the broken down gate and give forth a signal which indicates that each man is a quarter of himself. The other three-quarters arrive. There is a parley, often a wretched confusion of American and Spanish terms, and a softening down of suspicion. Suddenly some friendly officer from the general's staff pokes his head out of the window, and the reporter is given the high sign and passes down the cement walk into a narrow hall, and thence into the reception room.

The reception room is but an enlarged portion of the hall. There is the difference of a time worn rose figured carpet and the presence of furniture that has served many commanders. Some of the furniture is scoured with bullet holes. The davenport is all sunk in the middle, and when dignified people sit upon it they end by hugging their knees.

Here are to be found a number of chairs. Not too many, but they would encourage waiting and too much sociability; but just enough to make one of the chairs covered. Once seated, a commission man or a newspaper representative or a reporter is clothed with almost the dignity of an engraved visiting card.

**As Many Ups as Downs.** There are no pictures upon the wall. The wall paper is an old design and reminiscent of Chinese restaurants of the early twenties. Here and there a few bullet holes to remind one that the life of the cuartel has had about as many ups as it has had downs. Two roll top desks and one deal table complete the furnishings. At the small table sits the officer of the day, and to him, and through him, are the audience with Gen. Gaviira obtained.

A folding door separates the reception room from the private office of Gen. Gaviira. The door is partially left open, but if any important conference are being held they are drawn together and from one of the panels one may read the names of the men who are announced, and immediately below, "The members of the press will be received at 10 a. m. and 5 p. m."

**Always a Cordial Greeting.** Quite a lot of formality is engaged in between the aides and the visitors. There is always the most cordial greeting, the most favorable exchange of "how do you do," and the invariably polite "Roosevelt himself could not feel better."

**Always a Cordial Greeting.** The aides are interested in English, and primary conversations occur in which the irrelevance of verbs and the unavailability of nouns are discussed, and both sides end by wishing that the universal language of Volapuk had been taught since infancy. Now and then there are subtle references made to the border situation, and such personalities as senator Fall and ex-president Roosevelt; but there are never any commitments. The chat is one of the politest places in the world.

**Meeting Gen. Gaviira.** After a time permission is granted to visit with Gen. Gaviira. He will make hands. He smiles cordially. He usually begins with questioning as to what the latest rumor may be. The first discomfort of being embarrassed by erroneous reports has passed. Now and then, when he feels that the last straw has been piled upon his shoulders he places an embargo on interviews and for several days declines emphatically to even look at a newspaper man.

Then comes a reaction. There is a period of quiescence in which he has not been subjected to anything embarrassing. The general, when not sitting on needles and pins, as figuratively speaking, is frequently the case, is a very cordial man. If he has information, he gladly gives it.

**The Map and Its Pins.** Stationed at the panel of the folding door, to his side of the screen, is a map of Chihuahua state. Into the map are poked many pins with heads of different colors (the color of newspaper men) and over this map the general describes the movements of the troops.

and, with fine gestures and victorious tones, recounts what Gutierrez has done here and what Bertrian or some other general has done there. Whenever he speaks of Bertrian, it is with considerable pride. He is very proud of Bertrian. "If Bertrian can do it," is his view, "then nobody can."

**The General's Son.** Aside from General Andres Garcia, of the Mexican consulate in El Paso, the one man who has a constant office to the residence of Gen. Gaviira is his son, Capt. Alberto Gaviira, a youngster scarcely out of his teens. But the attitude of the general toward his son by no means places him at any advantage over the other aides. His entire is as "son," not as a "captain."

The most popular among the aides is Lieut. Jesus Delacruz who enjoys Gen. Gaviira's good graces and little Lieut. Antonio Lapdin, who edits the magazine of the cuartel, writes poetry and composes music.

Gen. Gaviira, when he arrives at the cuartel of a morning, makes his advent in a closed state coupe and passes down a file of soldiers, who "present arms." The buglers scurry from their stables under the rose bushes, and the china berry trees, and blow their notes with alacrity; then they go back to the sun warmed soil, and sleep again.

**Mostly Asleep.** All about the cuartel is an air of committal drowsiness and militiamen. The militiamen are mostly asleep. The officers come and go and hold socials in the reception room, then pass to a side lot and try out their new pistols and make one grand spectacle of riding a new mount, with a silver sword dangling from the saddle.

The recent days Gen. Gaviira has been more at his home than at the cuartel, because of the many audiences that are sought with him and for which he has not the time. Many persons who should present their troubles to the major instead, insist upon presenting them to the general.

Gen. Gaviira always wears upon his coat lapel the green shield of the Constitutional army, with his rank in gold inscribed thereon. Upon his soft felt hat is a similar shield. He never carries any arms with him, though from time to time pistols are scattered over his desk.

Attached to the general's staff is a telegrapher, who enjoys his chief's strictest confidence. Senor Martinez, had his left hip bone shattered during the revolution. That have disrupted Mexico, and his limp is very decided. The door that leads from the command office into the telegrapher's office opens many times in a day, and no one but the telegrapher ever goes in or out of that sanctum.

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Gen. Gaviira registers the climaxes and successes of the border situation with the unerring accuracy of a barometer. When all is well he smiles and is affable, but when things go bad, he reveals it in a troubled expression about the eyes. When things go well, his eyes are as bright and eager as those of a pleased child.

**OWNER OF DURANGO PLANT CANNOT CONFIRM BURNING** If the million dollar plant of the Compania Madera, Durango City, Mex., has been burned, Hiram Smith, of El Paso, one of the chief owners, knows nothing about it. He has been trying to get some information from Durango as to the condition of the plant and whether or not there has been a conflagration, said Mr. Smith Tuesday, "but I have been unable to get any word from there. As there is no way to get a wire out of Durango."

On April 2 or 3 a friend of mine in El Paso received a letter from Durango in which it was stated that the lumber plant was intact and that everything was very quiet in Durango city. Therefore, do not place any credit in the report that there was a destructive fire at the mills on March 25.

The plant, said to represent an investment of many millions, has been idle for several years because of lack of shipping facilities. There is a great quantity of seasoned timber in the stacks and were a fire to start, it would sweep everything before it.

**CAME FROM JUAREZ WITH BOX OF MORPHINE; ARRESTED** Charged with attempting to bring a quantity of morphine to El Paso from Juarez, P. V. Jeffries was arrested at the Santa Fe bridge Tuesday morning by immigration officers, and confined in the city jail until an investigation is made.

Jeffries, at the time of his arrest, had about two ounces of morphine contained in a pill box. The case is now referred to the federal authorities.

**TROOPS GUARD LINE FOR CARRANZA TO MEXICO CITY** Mexico City, Mex., April 11.—Corps of guards have occupied stations on the line between Queretaro and Tlalampala for the purpose of patrolling the line between this city and Queretaro in an anticipation of an early visit to Mexico City by Gen. Carranza. Right officers already have arrived here.

**SPY, COURT-MARTIALED IN LONDON, IS EXECUTED** London, Eng., April 11.—A spy was put to death in London today. An announcement of this occurrence was made officially as follows: "A prisoner, charged with espionage, was tried by general court-martial at Westminster Guild Hall March 26 and the following day, and was sentenced to death, which was carried out this morning."

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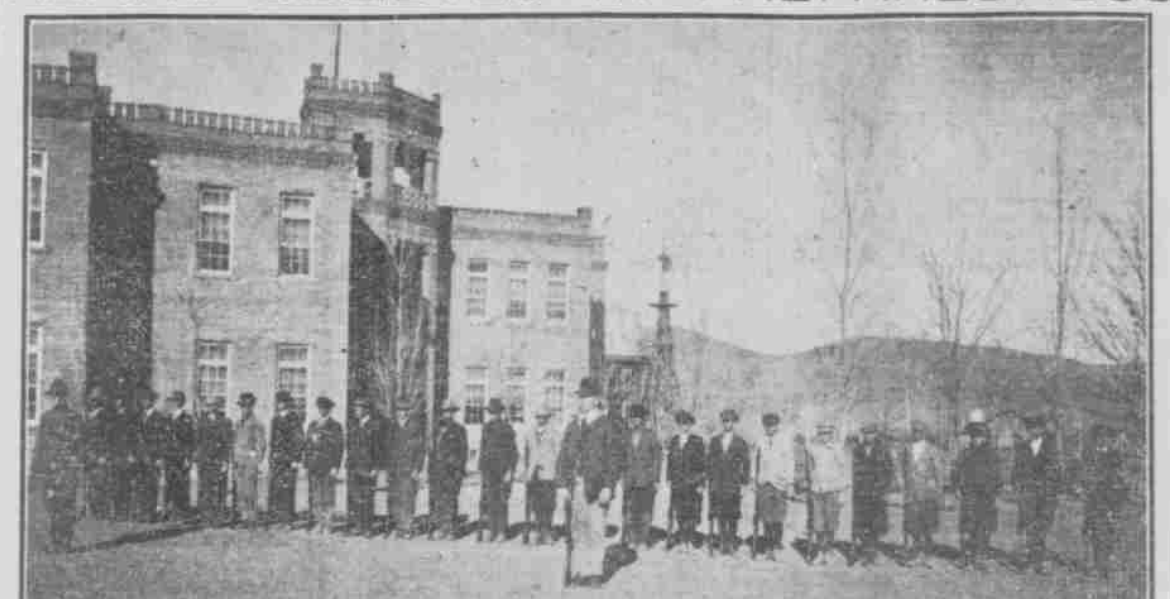
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